

REMARKS

Currently pending in the application are claims 1-21.

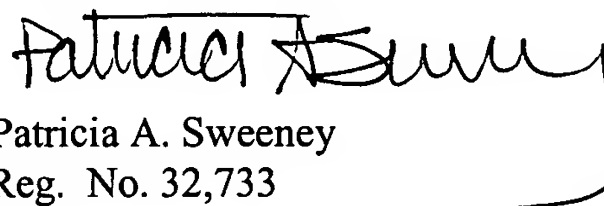
This document is responsive to the Examiner's communication of November 7, 2005. The listing of claims is re-submitted, with the claims using brackets to denote deletions, underling to denote additions and which presents the amendments all relative to the original patent claims, without incorporating intervening amendments. The claims include the current status of the each claim. Thus the amendments comply with the amendment practice applicable to reissue applications.

The Examiner in the action states that relative to the immediate prior amendment, there is lack of antecedent basis in claim 21 for "the alpha-protein" in line 3. This " α " sign was inadvertently inserted in the language of the prior amendment, when it should have instead shown that "a" was deleted. This typo is omitted from the present amendment, and the objection rendered moot.

The Examiner has found the oath presented to not be legible. A new oath is presented with this amendment. It incorporates the language previously proposed by the Examiner and addresses each amendment. Please note the Applicant in the prior amendment provided a copy of the assignment and Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b).

Claims 1-21 are indicated to be free of the prior art. Since the amendment does not enter any new matter and adopts the Examiner's proposals, and places the claims in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested, and reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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